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1. The only enterprise in Wroclaw (Breslau) engaged in the retail sale of photographic articles is the Photo-optika, which has a number of retail stores throughout the town.
2. The only Polish cameras seen on the local market are some very primitive types (boxes) which arrive from time to time and are quickly sold out. The stores have very meager stocks of photographic articles, including Leica-size film which sells at 6.30 zlotys per roll. Developing chemicals and photographic paper are also available for the private customer. The stores accept developing and enlarging work from amateur photographers. The charge for an enlarged 6 by 9 photograph from a Leica-size film is 1.30 zloty.
3. Foreign-made cameras are available in the secondhand "commission-stores" and are sold to any private customer free of restrictions. Best known among these cameras are the Soviet types, which are sold to commission stores by Soviet soldiers and officials. The current price of a Soviet FED camera is 1,900 to 2,000 zlotys, while the Soviet Zorkij camera costs approximately 2,400 zlotys. Czech Leica-type cameras sold at the beginning of 1954 for 2,500 zlotys. The price of East German cameras (Praktika and Praktiflex), which are also available from time to time, is approximately 2,500 zlotys.

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